

Data Coordinators Conference

November 13 – 14, 2008





Welcome to Data Coordinators!

- **Packets**
 - Include all presentations
 - Agenda and session room locations
 - Training certificate (day one)
 - Conference evaluation
- **Conference times**
 - Sessions until 5:00 today, 12:00 tomorrow
 - Advanced CW reports session is tomorrow from 1:30 - 4:30



Plan for the Workshop

- **Break-out Sessions**
 - **Four sessions per time period**
 - **Choose session of interest**
- **Encourage attendance at the following sessions:**
 - **New Data Coordinators**
 - **CW5 Updates**
 - **IV-E Placement Screen Updates**
 - **How to Collect and Use Data**
 - **Fiscal Reporting Update**

Something New

- **Round Table Session**
 - Topic will be “Tracking Participants of New Funding”
 - Friday at 9:00
 - Opportunity for everyone to share how they are tracking participants of programs and other information required for the new grant funding
 - Informal way to exchange ideas



Things to Know

Important Updates





Yearly Data Verification

- **Everyone should have received their data verification packet**
- **Packets contained**
 - **Statistical Report**
 - **Errors and possible data problems to fix**
 - **Comprehensive Data Audit**



Yearly Data Verification

- **Comprehensive data audit included errors from 2004 forward**
 - **All open supervisions included regardless of date**
- **Errors on our part have been identified**
 - **Supervision table on stat report**
 - **Cost of placement**
 - **Mental health treatment unknown**



Yearly Data Verification

- Informational letter in verification packet provided steps on how to verify data accuracy on line
- All verification must be completed no later than **December 10, 2008**
 - Department errors will be reviewed to ensure corrections have been made after November extract is submitted



Yearly Data Verification

- **Questions about data verification and/or data errors/corrections**
 - **Research:**
Nancy: 512-424-6738
Yvonne: 512-424-6695
 - **CW Help Desk:**
Amanda/Laura: 512-424-6724

EDI Changes

- **Changes to the EDI were posted in the Texas Register and approved by the TJPC Board in July 2008**
- **Changes went into effect September 1st**
- **All changes have already been incorporated in CW5**
 - **Included in most recent updates**



EDI Changes

- Approved changes include:
 - Deletion of the **citizenship** variable
 - Addition of “other” as an option for **special handicapping condition**
 - Addition of “pending” as option for **mental health referral outcome**
 - Addition of “concurrent sentence to TYC” for **TJPC primary disposition**



EDI Changes

- Addition of “female offender” and “pregnant female” as options for **placement service type**
- Addition of “other gun” as an option under **offense weapon used**
- Addition of “interim inter-county transfer” as an option under **supervision type**



EDI Changes

- Addition of “equine therapy”, “intensive case management”, “mental health court” and “victim services” as options for **program type**
- Addition of “targeted” program types for ISP, family preservation, mental health, sex offender and substance abuse treatment programs
 - For future use



Additional EDI Changes

- At the time the initial EDI changes were submitted the IV-E requirements were not known
- Because the new IV-E formula requires the identification of juveniles in foster care eligible facilities, codes have been added as options under **placement type**



Additional EDI Changes

- **Changes include:**
 - Renaming of current “foster care” option to “CPS Placement”
 - Addition of “kinship placement” and “foster care” as options for **placement type**
- These codes are included in the most recent CW5 update
- Changes will go into effect in early 2009



Update on Research Projects

- **Risk Assessment Project:**
 - **Currently collecting data from selected departments**
 - **24 departments completed**
 - **8 departments to go**
 - **Hope to have all data collected by early 2009**
 - **Will then begin working on analysis to develop initial assessment instrument**



Update on Research Projects

- **Victim Offender Mediation Study**
 - Data has been collected from most departments with a VOM program
 - Now analyzing data and preparing a report for the legislature
 - Report will include information about juveniles served by VOM programs, criteria for program entry, number of agreements reached and offender recidivism outcomes

Update on Research Projects

- **Cost of Probation Study**
 - **Using data collected from departments in 2006 to determine funding needed to operate effective community supervision programs**
 - **Will also use information to calculate average costs per referral and adjudication and average per day costs for supervision**



Update on Research Projects

- **Tracking of “no misdemeanor to TYC” impact**
 - Too early to say much about the impact of no misdemeanor offenders to TYC law
 - Tracking length of stay on probation, juvenile dispositions, pleas to lesser offenses, characteristics of commitments and certifications





Update on Research Projects

- **Tracking impact of new funding for community programs and placements**
 - **Are more juveniles entering programs**
 - **Numbers served with funding**
 - **Impact of funding on recidivism rates**
 - **Identification of effective and innovative programs**
- **Very few departments used the suggested coding in CW to track participants**

RATS Reminder

- **Remember that all research being conducted on or about juveniles needs to be entered into the Research and Analytical Testing System (RATS)**
 - **Research conducted by persons outside the department**
 - **Use of data files by an outside person for research should also be entered**



Notable Truths

- Juvenile probation data is Good
 - The work you do is reflected in the quality of the data
- Juvenile probation data is NOT error free





Making the Best Even Better

- **Be proactive in checking for data problems**
- **Double check that dispositions and end dates have been entered**
- **Fix errors as soon as they are found**
- **Enter all required data in CW or your county system**

THANKS!

Sessions begin at 9:45

